

June 1, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman

SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 9, 1999

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

Please park in the garage under the Arizona Bank Building (formerly the Norwest Bank). Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

A Special Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG SPECIAL REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
June 9, 1999**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.

3. For information.

4. For information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

5A. FY 1999 MAG Final Phase Input Opportunity Report

The draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update (LRTP) and the draft FY 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were accepted by the Regional Council in April of 1999 for the purpose of conducting a conformity analysis. With the completion of the 1999 Conformity Analysis in April, the final phase of the MAG FY 1999 Public Involvement Process was conducted. The draft LRTP, TIP, Conformity Analysis and Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the Current Approved 1998 Conformity Finding were made available for a 30 day public comment period on April 30, 1999. The final phase meeting was held on June 1, 1999. The meeting was comprised of an informational open

5A. For information, discussion and acceptance of the FY 1999 Final Phase Input Public Opportunity Report.

house, followed by a public hearing held before representatives from the MAG Transportation Review Committee, Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee. This meeting provided an opportunity for review and final comment on the draft LRTP, TIP, Conformity Analysis and Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the Current Approved 1998 Conformity Finding. On June 9, 1999, the Management Committee will review the comments on the LRTP, TIP, Conformity Analysis and Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the Current Approved 1998 Conformity Finding. The recommendation from the Management Committee will be provided to the members of the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Approval of FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year, MAG develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists all required transportation related projects in the MAG Region for up to the next five years. The MAG Regional Council approved the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG TIP in April 1999, for the purpose of conducting a conformity analysis. This analysis is now complete, and on June 1, 1999, a public hearing was held as the culmination of a month long public review of the draft TIP, the Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update (LRTP), the draft 1999 Conformity Analysis and the Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the Current Approved 1998 Conformity Finding. The results of this public hearing will be included as part of the Public Involvement Plan. The TIP comprises 902 highway projects costing \$2.759 billion (\$613 million federal) and 309 transit projects costing \$665 million (\$435 million federal). A formal finding of conformity is required by the MAG Regional Council prior to approval of the TIP. Changes to the draft TIP approved in April are shown on the attached Errata Sheet 3. The Management Committee will consider the draft TIP at their June 9, 1999 meeting. A report from

5B. For information, discussion and approval of the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

the Management Committee will be provided to the members of the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Approval of MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 1999 Update

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. In April 1999, the Regional Council authorized a conformity analysis of the draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update (LRTP). Items addressed in this Update include: 1) priority changes in the ADOT Life Cycle Program and Long Range Plan for Freeways, 2) an updated Long Range Transit Plan, 3) extending the time horizon to 2019, and 4) incorporation of changes from the draft FY 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program. The Management Committee will consider the draft LRTP at their June 9, 1999 meeting. A report from the Management Committee will be made to the members of the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. For information, discussion and approval of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 1999 Update contingent upon a finding of conformity of the LRTP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

6. Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan 1999 Update and Approval of the Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the Current Approved 1998 Conformity Finding

On April 28, 1999, the Regional Council authorized a conformity analysis to be prepared for the draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as well as the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update (LRTP). The draft findings indicate that the TIP and LRTP meet the federal conformity requirements. Approval of the conformity findings by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan.

6. For information, discussion and approval of the Finding of Conformity for the draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 1999 Update and to approve the Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the Current Approved 1998 Conformity Finding.

In addition to preparing the current conformity analysis, staff has also prepared a Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the Current Approved 1998 Conformity Finding. This additional analysis was requested by the Federal Highway Administration, following a March 2, 1999 U.S. Court of Appeals ruling. The Supplemental Conformity Analysis reaffirms the 1998 Conformity Finding for the FY 1999-2003 MAG TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update with 1998 Addendum.

On June 1, 1999, a public hearing was conducted on the draft conformity analysis, the FY 2000-2004 TIP, the LRTP and the Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the Current Approved 1998 Conformity Finding. Comments on these documents will be considered by the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee at their meeting on June 3, 1999 and the Management Committee at their meeting on June 9, 1999. The recommendations of these committees will be presented to the members of the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.